

Richland Creek WMA E-Postcard Waterfowl Hunt Brochure South Unit

BACKGROUND

The Richland Creek WMA is located 25 miles southeast of Corsicana, along US Hwy 287 and FM 488 between the Richland-Chambers Reservoir and the Trinity River. It encompasses 14,272 acres of land; the majority of the Area lies within the floodplain of the Trinity River. The Richland Creek WMA South Unit contains 8 constructed wetlands which are managed to provide quality, wintering-waterfowl habitat.



REPORTING/ORIENTATION

When: Hunters should arrive at the RCWMA check station by 2:30 p.m. on the 1st day of the hunt to sign in. Mandatory orientation will begin at 3:00 p.m. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.** Standby hunters wishing to participate in hunts must report to the Richland Creek WMA check station no later than 2:30 p.m. on the first day of each scheduled hunt. Standby drawings will occur promptly at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Check Station – located behind the RCWMA office on FM 488 approximately 2.5 miles south of U.S. Highway 287 intersection with FM 488.

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas hunting license, license plate number, Annual Public Hunting Permit, State Migratory Bird Stamp, HIP Certification, and Federal Duck Stamp. Only non-toxic shot is allowed.

CHECK STATION

Hours: Opens at 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of the hunt. Check station hours will be explained during hunt orientation.

Facilities: No facilities are available.

Check In/Check Out: All hunters must check in/out with Area personnel as explained in the orientation.

LATECOMERS

Check-In: No latecomers will be accepted on E-postcard Waterfowl Hunts. Hunters that do not arrive by the 3:00 p.m. mandatory orientation will forfeit their position on the hunt. **No exceptions will be made.**

HUNTING CONDITIONS

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Hunt compartments can be in remote areas, therefore ATV use is recommended. **ATV's and ORV's must be operated in accordance with state laws regulating the use of them on public land. All ATV and ORV users must have a current ATV/ORV registration sticker, ATV operators must have completed an ATV safety course, must wear approved helmet and eye protection, and may not carry passengers.**

Hunt Compartments: Hunt compartments vary in size and are flooded with water depths ranging from 6"-18". Hunt compartments will be assigned by TPWD staff during the 3:00 p.m. mandatory orientation on the first day of the hunt based on ATVs and accessibility by hunt party. Temporary blinds may be erected; however, any man-made material must be removed prior to the end of the hunt. **The use or possession of exotic or invasive plant materials such as giant cane or bamboo for building blinds or any other use is not permitted on the WMA.**

Terrain: The area exists almost entirely within the Trinity River floodplain and is subject to prolonged periods of extensive flooding that may require cancellation of hunts on short notice.

CAMPING FACILITIES

Camping is allowed only in the South Unit campground. The campground does not have water or electricity.

Note: The Area is closed to the general public during E-postcard waterfowl hunts. During these hunts, persons not holding an E-postcard Waterfowl permit will not be allowed to go afield or stay overnight. Exceptions will not be made for anyone other than a non-hunting adult who is assisting a permitted authorized disabled person.

OTHER INFORMATION

If you have any further questions, you may telephone the Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area Headquarters at (903) 389-7080.

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